

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawing as per the attached Proposed Drawing
Correction/Replacement Sheet.

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claim 39 and leaves claims 33-38 and 40-49 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 33-49.

In the Office Action the Examiner objected to Fig. 7 as not containing a descriptive legend for Step 712. Filed on even date herewith are Proposed Drawing Corrections so as to add an appropriate descriptive legend for Step 712. Approval of the Proposed Drawing Corrections is respectfully requested. Therefore, this objection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Claim 39 stands objected to due to the inclusion of the word "whether" on line 7 thereof. The term "whether" was deleted and an additional amendment was made to claim 39 to clarify the language therein. Therefore, this objection is overcome and should be withdrawn.


It is noted that the outstanding Office Action was issued in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle* and as such the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters which were corrected as described above. Thus, since the formal matters were corrected as noted above the present application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, early allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 33-49 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 33-49 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (520.36900X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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